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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and Cited References
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed within three months of the filing date of the entry of the National Stage, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491, in an International application.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

JP 05-023308 is directed to a flow controller and blood pressure measuring apparatus. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 54-48333 is directed to a simple relief valve. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 63-297878 is directed to a check valve. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 6-39003 is directed to an automatic opening/closing type infusion set. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 01-171527 is directed to a flow controller. An English Abstract is enclosed.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

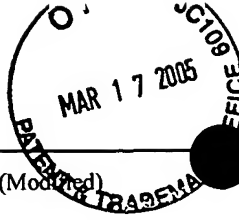
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		EP	0 419 880	A1	Terumo Kabushiki Kaisha	04-03-1991	
		EP	0 712 640	A1	Smiths Industries Public Limited Co.	05-22-1996	
		JP	54-48333		Furukawa Aluminum Kogyo Kabushiki	04-16-1979	Abstract only
		JP	01-171527		Terumo Corp.	07-06-1989	Abstract only
		JP	63-297878		Tokyo Tatsuno Co Ltd.	12-05-1988	Abstract only
		JP	05-23308		Terumo Corp.	02-02-1993	Abstract only
		JP	6-39003		Eiho Ko	05-24-1994	Abstract only

OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS) title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, relevant page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation (Y/N)	

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